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Customer Number 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 3063.0396-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
John EBY et al.) Group Art Unit: 1732
Application No.: 09/287,631) Examiner: A. Kuhns
Filed: April 7, 1999)
For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING)
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND)
METHODS TO MAKE A)
SURFACE COVERING HAVING)
A NATURAL APPEARANCE)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 48-52:

-- 48. A method of making a surface covering having multiple layers including a wear layer comprising:

chemically embossing at least a portion of a first layer,

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